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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 4526

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS, SA

SUBJECT: VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA OF RVN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: JIDDA 2529

1. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AMB DON AND MFA ARE OBVIOUSLY VERY DIFFICULT. RELIABLE SOURCE TELLS US MFA HAS SO FAR RECEIVED NO QUERY FROM AMB DON AS TO WHETHER TRIP IS STILL ON AND WHETHER BAC IS STILL MINISTER. ON THE OTHER HAND, MFA HAS SENT TWO MESSAGES TO AMB DON ASKING WHETHER VISIT WAS STILL ON IN SPITE OF ASSASSINATION AND FINALLY RECEIVED CONFIRMATION APRIL 8 IN CABLE SENT APRIL 5.

2. MINISTRY HAD BEEN ASSUMING VISIT WAS PROBABLY OFF BECAUSE OF CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN SAUDI ARABIA. HOWEVER, MINISTER BAC (WHO IS STILL IN OFFICE) PLANS TO LEAVE SAIGON APRIL 9 AND ARRIVE IN JIDDA FROM LONDON ON SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 10 AS SCHEDULED. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY NGUYEN NGOC DIEM,
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DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS, AND NGUYEN

CONG AN, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

3. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT MINISTER BAC WILL BE PREPARED
TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF SAUDI LOAN TO SUPPORT OIL SHIPMENTS
TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

4. BECAUSE OF SHORT NOTICE MFA DOES NOT YET HAVE CONFIRMED
RESERVATIONS ALL THE WAY. WE WILL FOLLOW UP APRIL 9 TO CONFIRM
TRAVEL SCHEDULE.
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